

In the Specification:

Please amend the following paragraphs:

On page 3, second full paragraph:

In addition to the digitizer and pen system, other available systems also require the application to be installed and executed on the particular platform of the user. Such systems are suitable for digital signatures obtained when a person is present where the application is residing. For example, a store owner opting to accept signatures in digital format may install this application and execute it on the cashier computer. These systems are known as a client-based application (i.e., client application), where the end user and/or operator is required to perform certain steps on location of the application in order for the application to perform. Indeed, without the pen/digitizer pad hardware, or PCMCIA cards in certain cases, these other systems would not function.

On Page 14, last paragraph through page 15:

With reference to Figure 5, a participant desiring to make a transaction available to users via a network environment, encodes a transaction page 51, for example, an HTML page, with an applet that is capable of configuring a receiving region for the acceptance of user authorization indicia. A user accesses the participant's web site or otherwise communicates with the participant via the network and decides to enter into the transaction 53, for example, to purchase a product or enter a membership agreement. Once the user has indicated a desire to enter into the transaction, the transaction page containing the applet is presented to the user 54. As the transaction page is transmitted to the user, for example, via a request from the user, the input pad is presented to the user on the user's display device. It is to be understood that in some instances, the original page that the user is viewing contains the applet such that the input pad or a signature block is included at the time the user views the page, for example, a contract. The user places the pointer within the data receiving region via the computer input device 55, such as the mouse, which is capable of placing the cursor on the signature pad. As the user places the cursor within the signature pad, the cursor is converted to a pen or pencil, thereby alerting the user that the system is capable of accepting the signature data. The user can then use the mouse to "write" within the signature pad. To write within the signature pad, the user depresses the entry member on the input device 56 and commences tracing his authorization indicia, for example, his signature, on any convenient surface, such as a mouse pad, or the table upon which the user computer 12

resides. As the user signs his name, a signature appears within the signature pad on the computer screen.

On page 15, first full paragraph:

When the user has completed his signature, the user releases the mouse button and reviews the signature to determine whether it is acceptable. The user can then "submit" or "clear" the signature 58. If the user desires to reenter the signature, the user depresses the 'clear' button such that the signature data is erased from the data receiving region. If the user "clears" the signature, the user must then resign 60. If the user accepts the signature as entered, the user depresses the 'submit' button 61.

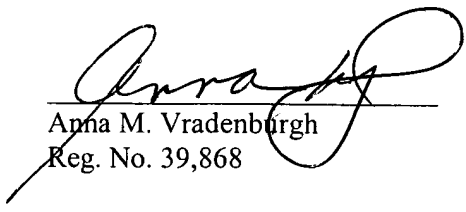
On page 19, first full paragraph:

In operation, a first user desirous of accepting authorization data via a network configures the data file requiring the authorization data with a data receiving member. A second user, in communication with the first user; s.a., on a network receives the data file of interest, for example, a contract, and reviews the file. If the user decides to accept or agree with the terms of the file, the user accesses the data receiving member. In some instances, the data receiving member is automatically presented to the second user in the document file. In other instances, the second user must depress a button that accesses the data receiving member.

Applicant believes that it has now complied with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, and accordingly respectfully requests entry of the Response to Office Action filed April 28, 2005, including this resubmission of the amendments to the specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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